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#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE 13 APPLICATION OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AN ARIZONA NONPROFIT CORPORATION, FOR A PERMANENT RATE INCREASE, FOR A

DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF THE CORPORATION'S 16 ELECTRIC SYSTEM FOR RATE

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SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.

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Docket No. E-01461A-08-0430

#### NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

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TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., the Applicant in the foregoing proceeding, pursuant to the Opinion and Order of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") in Decision No. 71230 entered August 6, 2009, gives notice of the filing of the attached Notices to all of Applicant's customers of the revised schedule of rates and charges effective August 1, 2009, as approved in the Decision, on a form acceptable to the Commission's Staff as set forth in the two Certificates of Mailing attached hereto.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this  $\mathcal{S}$  day of September, 2009. 1 WATERFALL ECONOMIDIS CALDWELL 2 HANSHAW & VILLAMANA, P.C. 3 By Kussell E. Jones 5 D. Michael Mandig Attorneys for Applicant, Trico Electric 6 Cooperative, Inc. 7 8 9 Original and 13 copies of the foregoing filed this 9 day of September, with: 10 **Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission** 11 1200 W. Washington 12 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Copy mailed and emailed this 13 Y day of September, 2009, to: 14 Jane Rodda 15 l Administrative Law Judge **Arizona Corporation Commission** 400 West Congress 16 Tucson, AZ 85701 17 Copy mailed this 8 day of September, 2009, to 18 19 **Steve Irvine Utilities Division Arizona Corporation Commission** 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 C. Webb Crockett Patrick J. Black Fennemore Craig, PC 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 2600 Phoenix, Arizona 85012-2813 Attorneys for Intervenor Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita, Inc. 25

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

This is to certify that, with the sole exception of the customers of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") who do not receive a paper bill from Trico:

- 1. The revised schedule of residential rates and charges effective August 1, 2009, as approved in Decision No. 71230 entered by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") on August 6, 2009, a copy of which revised schedule is attached hereto, was mailed to all residential customers of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico"), by means of an insert included in Trico's regular scheduled billing cycle after such effective date; and
- 2. The revised schedule of non-residential rates and charges effective August 1, 2009, as approved in said Decision, a copy of which revised schedule is attached hereto, was mailed to all non-residential customers of Trico by means of an insert included in Trico's regular scheduled billing cycle after such effective date.

NATIONAL INFORMATION SOLUTIONS COOPERATIVE

By Jacken G. Wolf

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1/5 day of September, 2009.

Notary Pub

My Commission expires:



JUDITH L. HOERNSCHEMEYER My Commission Expires April 16, 2010 St. Charles County Commission #06434573

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New Rate	\$15.00	\$0,1216	\$0.019
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Difference	\$ 3.00	\$.02558	(\$.019)

#### For a person using 1000 kWh of energy each month:

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By Ganiel Rost

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_3 day of September, 2009.

**Notary Public** 

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